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1. COMMENTING ON LAST JANUARY'S "UPRISING" IN EGYPT,  
BAATH PARTY NATIONAL COMMAND MEMBER NAIM HADDAD ISSUED  
A STATEMENT ON JANUARY 18 WHICH HINTS AT IRAQI SUPPORT  
FOR VIOLENT OVERTHROW OF EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT. HADDAD,  
WHO IN ADDITION TO HIS PARTY ROLE IS ALSO A HIGH-RANKING  
MEMBER OF IRAQI REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL, SAID UPRISING  
WAS A GENUINE REVOLUTION WHICH EXPRESSED REJECTION BY  
EGYPTIAN MASSES OF CAPITULATIONIST POLICIES OF SADAT.  
HE SAID THAT BAATH WILL BACK STRUGGLE OF EGYPTIAN PEOPLE  
TO RID ITSELF OF SADAT REGIME AS PART OF OVERALL ARAB  
REVOLUTION WHICH BAATH LEADS.

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2. ALL IRAQI PAPERS CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI  
TALKS WITH STRONG FOCUS IN JANUARY 19 PRESS ON SADAT'S  
FAILURE TO OBTAIN ISRAELI CONCESSIONS.

3. MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY MEETINGS HAVE TIED UP MFA  
OFFICIALS FOR PAST FEW DAYS. ALL IRAQI AMBASSADORS  
TO ARAB COUNTRIES ARE IN TOWN AS WELL AS IRAQ'S

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO ARAB LEAGUE AND THE IRAQI NATIONAL WHO, AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ARAB ECONOMIC UNITY COUNCIL, WAS EXPELLED FROM CAIRO IN THE WAKE OF SADAT'S TRIP TO JERUSALEM. RELATIONS WITH EGYPT ARE PRESUMED HIGH ON AGENDA OF AN OVERALL REVIEW OF IRAQ'S POSTURE IN INTER-ARAB ARENA.

4. COMMENT: HADDAD'S STATEMENT, EVEN THOUGH ISSUED IN HIS PARTY CAPACITY, SUGGESTS IRAQ WILL BE RUTHLESS IN EXPLOITING ANY EGYPTIAN DISSENSION WHICH MIGHT FOLLOW A FAILURE OF SADAT'S DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES.  
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